## APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION (CUA)

# PART II COMPETITIVE SELECTION FOR BIG GAME HUNTER TRANSPORTER & INCIDENTAL TRANSPORTER SERVICES NOATAK NATIONAL PRESERVE

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



#### **National Park Service**

#### Solicitation# NPS-NOAT-TRANSPORTER-2010

Date Issued: January 11, 2010

Questions Regarding the Application are Due: January 28, 2010 Date Completed Applications are Due: February 11, 2010 at 4:00pm

Completed Applications Must Be Received At Either Of The Following Addresses:

National Park Service Attention: Concessions Division 240 West 5th Avenue, Room 114 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2327 Or

National Park Service 333 Shore Avenue, Eskimo Building Kotzebue, AK 99752

Address Questions To:
Noatak National Preserve
Attention: Mr. George Helfrich
P.O. Box 1029
Kotzebue, AK 99752
Phone: 907 442-3890

Fax: 907 442-8316 E-mail: George\_Helfrich@nps.gov

#### **Business Opportunity**

The National Park Service (NPS) will limit the number of companies authorized to provide commercial transportation services to big game hunters in Noatak National Preserve in 2010-2011. All companies transporting big game hunters in Noatak National Preserve will be required to have a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) specifically authorizing big game transporter services, including:

- Big game hunter transporters licensed by the State of Alaska (called big game hunter transporters by the NPS),
- Air taxis who fly big game hunters, but are not required by the State of Alaska to obtain a State transporter license (called big game hunter incidental transporters by the NPS).

A maximum of eight (8) CUAs will be issued to provide these services (both categories, combined). This is the only time the NPS currently plans to offer the opportunity to apply for CUAs for big game hunter transportation services for 2010-2011. Companies not issued a CUA as a result of this competitive process will not be authorized to transport big game hunters in Noatak Preserve in 2010-2011. CUAs will be issued on a competitive basis.

In addition, a maximum of 357 big game hunters per year will be authorized for all of the CUAs, issued. Transporters licensed by the State of Alaska may apply for a maximum of 150 big game hunters per year. Incidental transporters may apply for a maximum of 20 big game hunters per year. Unused hunter allocations may not be transferred or sold. Companies are encouraged to notify NPS of unused allocations. The annual number of big game hunters each CUA will be authorized to transport has been capped in order to provide hunters a reasonable variety of transporter services.

CUAs for this activity will be issued for a two year term, from January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011.

Information concerning CUAs, including Part I and Part II, may be obtained on the internet at: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/akso/concessions/index.cfm">http://www.nps.gov/akso/concessions/index.cfm</a> This CUA solicitation is posted on the internet at: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/noat/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/noat/index.htm</a>

#### **Application Instructions**

#### A. When and Where to Submit Completed Applications and Fees

Completed applications must be received by the NPS by the due date and time and at the address shown on the cover page of this application. If you intend to send your application by mail or document delivery service, you should do so early enough to ensure receipt by the NPS by the due date. You may also deliver your application to the NPS at this address by the due date.

#### **B.** Application Format

One signed original and one copy are required to be submitted in hardcopy format. In addition, an electronic copy on CD or DVD (searchable PDF is preferred) should be submitted.

#### C. Application Process

Applications for a NPS CUA for big game hunter transportation services or incidental big game hunter transportation services in Noatak National Preserve must be completed in two parts:

- Part I Complete the standard Application Form for all NPS CUAs (separate from this application). Applicants may submit Part I prior to Part II, or at the same time. A completed Part I application must be submitted prior to the submission deadline for Part II, including the required fees.
- Part II Complete this application for competitive selection for big game hunter transportation services in Noatak National Preserve. No addition fees are associated with Part II.

#### **D.** Questions

If you do not understand something in this application concerning the Noatak Transporter Specific Selection Criteria (see this section below), you must submit your questions in writing by the deadline and to the contact person identified on the cover of the application. NPS will respond to your question in writing, and will provide the question and response to all other persons who requested an application as well as post it on the park website (http://www.nps.gov/noat/index.htm). Questions submitted after this date may not be answered. Because NPS must provide equal information to all potential applicants, there must be sufficient time allowed to inform all interested parties of any questions and answers.

#### **E.** Evaluation of Completed Applications

NPS will review each timely received application. For each selection factor, NPS will assign a score that reflects the merits of the application under that selection factor in comparison to the other applications received.

#### F. Offering the CUAs

NPS will assign a score to each timely received responsive application and identify the application with the highest point score as the best application. If two or more applications receive the highest point score, then NPS will select (from among the applications with the same highest point score) the application that NPS determines will, on an overall basis, best achieve the purposes of this competitive process. If an ANILCA preferred operator receives the highest point score it will be offered a CUA. All applicants with the right to match the best application will then be simultaneously given that opportunity for the remaining CUAs. Available CUAs will be offered as follows until all CUAs are issued. However, no more than eight CUAs will be issued.

- 1. CUAs will first be offered to those ANILCA preferred operators who have a right to match the best application and who have exercised that right by matching the best application.
- 2. Remaining available CUAs will next be offered to applicants without a preference (including those who elected not to match the best application or failed to match the best application) in the order of the highest initial point scores of these applicants. If two or more applications receive the highest point score, then NPS will select (from among the applications with the

same highest point score) the application that NPS determines will, on an overall basis, best achieve the purposes of this competitive process.

#### G. How the 357 Clients Will Be Allocated Among the CUAs

The 357 total clients will be allocated among the CUA holders as follows:

- 1. Seventy-five (75) clients will be reserved by NPS for allocation to CUA holders who have accepted reservations for all of the annual client allocation assigned to them in their CUA.
- 2. The remaining 282 clients will be allocated among CUA holders, based on the number of clients requested (up to the maximum), the score their application received (prior to the matching process), and a pro-ration in the event the top eight applicants request more than 282 clients in total. The following example illustrates the client allocation:

Applicant	Score	Incidental?	Clients Requested	% of Top Score	Clients Based on Scores	Pro-Rated Clients Allowed
1	82		150	100.00	150	82
2	71		150	86.59	130	71
3	66	YES	20	80.49	16	9
4	61		75	74.39	56	30
5	57		150	69.51	104	57
6	52	YES	20	63.41	13	7
7	48	YES	20	58.54	12	6
8	42		75	51.22	38	21
9	35	YES	20	42.68	0	0 (only 8 CUAs will be issued)
TOP 8			660		519	282

#### **H.** Preferred Applicant Determinations

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Section 1307 (16 U.S.C. 3197) includes provisions concerning persons and entities who are to be given special rights and preferences with respect to providing commercial visitor services in conservation system units in Alaska - *Historical Operators* and *Preferred Operators*.

Historical Operator means "the holder of a valid written authorization from the Director to provide visitor services within a park area that on or before January 1, 1979, was lawfully engaged in adequately providing such visitor services in the applicable park area." (36 CFR13.305). Historical operators have a right to continue to provide the same scope and level of service that they were legally engaged in providing prior to January 1, 1979 (see 36 CFR13.310). The historical operator will be permitted to continue to provide their historic level of scope of use, provided their historical

rights are not lost (see 36 CFR 13.310(g)). If the historical operator is not issued a CUA pursuant to this competitive process, they will be issued a separate CUA for their historic scope and level of use on a non-competitive basis, pursuant to 36 CFR 13.310(e). If the historical operator competes for additional activity above their historic level and is issued a CUA pursuant to this competitive process, a single CUA will be issued to these operators. The historic scope and level of use will be included and separately identified in the CUA.

*Preferred Operator* means "a Native Corporation that is determined under 36 CFR Sec. 13.325 to be 'most directly affected' by the establishment or expansion of a park area by ANILCA, or a local resident as defined in this subpart." (36 CFR 13.305). Local Resident is defined in 36 CFR 13.305 (f).

The Native Corporations determined to be "most directly affected" and local residents have equal preference. (36 CFR 13.315(c))

#### **Application**

(1)

#### A. Agreement with Terms and Conditions of the Draft CUA

A copy of the draft CUA for transporter services within Noatak National Preserve is attached. Applicants should carefully review these terms and conditions, as they set out the CUA holder's rights and obligations in the event that a CUA is issued.

Applicant's signature at the end of this application evidences the Applicant's agreement, if selected for issuance of the CUA, to (1) accept the terms and conditions applicable to the CUA for which the Applicant is applying and (2) accept any issued CUA in writing no later than thirty working days after that CUA is issued by the National Park Service.

## **B.** Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Section 1307, Preferred Operator Application

Refer to the ANILCA Section 1307 regulations, attached to this application, to answer the following questions:

Is the entity making this application seeking to be qualified as a local resident, as defined in 36 CFR 13.305, for the services offered under this application?						
Yes No						
For individuals: To qualify as a local resident, each of the following elements must be met and you must provide documentation, as described in the regulations, to establish each element. Check each element which applies:						
The applicant has lived within the local area <sup>1</sup> for 12 consecutive months before the date this application was issued (see issue date);						
The applicant has maintained their primary permanent residence and business within the local area and;						
Whenever absent from this primary, permanent residence, the applicant has the intention of returning to it.						
Factors demonstrating the location of an individual's primary, permanent residence and business may include, but are not limited to, the permanent address indicated on licenses issued by the State of Alaska, tax returns and voter registration.						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Local area means an area in Alaska within 100 miles of the location within the park area where any of the applicable visitor services are authorized to be provided.

For corporations:
The controlling interest <sup>2</sup> in the corporation is held by an individual or individuals who qualify as local resident(s) (see above).
If the applicant is a non-profit corporation, a majority of the board members and a majority of the officers qualify individually as local residents (see above).
(2) Are you applying for "most directly affected Native corporation" status, as defined in 36 CFR Part 13, Subpart E? <i>If yes, provide the documentation to support this determination, as described in these regulations.</i>
Yes No
(3) Is the entity making this application seeking to be qualified as an historical operator, as defined in 36 CFR 13.305, for the services offered under this application? If yes, provide documentation to support this determination and state the total number of hunters transported operated in any year prior to 1979 within the present day boundaries of Noatak National Preserve.
Yes No
C. Specify the annual number of big game hunters you are requesting to transport to Noatak National Preserve.
The maximum number that will be authorized is 150 hunters, annually for transporters and 20 hunters annually for incidental transporters.
We are requesting hunters, annually.
D. Noatak Transporter Specific Selection Criteria

#### D.

Applicants must address the following topics. Operational practices proposed by you in your application and accepted by the Superintendent will be incorporated into a final operating plan for each CUA. All applicants regardless of whether they hold a State of Alaska transporter license should respond to all selection criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Controlling interest means, in the case of a corporation, an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.

The National Park Service objectives for authorizing big game transportation services are:

- Hunter safety
- Quality of service
- Minimizing conflicts with subsistence users
- Protecting wildlife and the natural environment

#### Selection Criteria

- Describe how you will meet the Professional Ethics Standards for Providers of Transportation Services as established by the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board in 12 AAC 75.440 (<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pub/BGCSStatutes.pdf">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pub/BGCSStatutes.pdf</a>). (25 points)
- 2. Describe how you would promote hunter education and communication, in particular leaving the field clean, and avoiding waste of meat. (25 points)
- 3. In order to minimize potential conflicts with subsistence users, describe what operational practices you will use to address the possible displacement of subsistence hunters from traditional hunting locations, interfering with ongoing subsistence hunts, and to minimize you and your clients from interfering with or altering the natural movement of caribou during their fall migration, especially early to mid fall before many caribou have crossed the south side of rivers. (25 points)
- 4. Experience and related background (25 points)
  - a. Describe your experience and related background in providing big game transportation services.
  - b. Violations of law and regulation this selection criteria refers to questions #16 18 of the standard Application Form for all NPS CUAs (see Application Process, Part I). The answers you provided in Part I will be reviewed and scored here as part of the competitive process of issuing CUAs under this solicitation. You do not need to submit an additional response here.
  - c. Within the past 5 years, have you had any work related accidents or incidents that involved you or any of your employees and resulted in personal injury or property damage exceeding \$5000? If yes, submit a copy of any official report describing the accident or incident from a regulatory agency (for example: Federal Aviation Administration, Coast Guard, or a law enforcement agency) or a land managing agency and an explanation of the circumstances.

Yes		No
Yes		No

**Signature**: False, fictitious or fraudulent statements of representations made in this application may be grounds for denial or revocation of the Commercial Use Authorization and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). All information provided will be considered in reviewing this application.

By my signature, I hereby attest that all my statements and answers on this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:	Printed Name
Title:	Date:

#### **Draft CUA for Transporter Services at Noatak National Preserve For 2010-2011**

Form 10-114 Rev. 1/2004

Concessions Program Manager

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR National Park Service Alaska Region COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

1. Holder:				Authorization #		
					Type of Use:	Commercial Service
Telephone Number:					<b>Reviewed:</b>	
					Approved: Expires:	
2. The holder is hereby author	ized to use th	ne follo	owing described lar	nd or facilities	in the above named	area:
Noatak National I	<u> reserve</u>					
Service: Big Game	Hunter Tra	anspo	rter Service or Bi	g Game Hun	ter Incidental Tra	nsporter Service
The areas must be restored to	their original	condi	tion at the end of th	ne authorizatio	n	
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3. The authorization origina			<b>January</b>			
4. The authorization expires				er 31, 2011		
5. Summary of Authorized Ac	tivity: (see at	tached	d sheets for addition	ial informatioi	and conditions)	
X Out-of-Park: The cor of the park area. This goods or services with	permit does i	not au	thorize the holder to			
6. Authorizing legislation of authority:	r other		Section 418, P.L	. 105-391 (10	5 USC 5966)	
7. NEPA Compliance: Catego Excluded	rically	X	EA/FONSI	EIS	OTHER APPRO	OVED
8. APPLICATION/ADMIN FEE:	Received	X	Not Required	Amount	\$300.00	
9. LIABILITY INSURANCE:	Required		Not Required	Amount	As specified in A Alaska Region St	
10. COST RECOVERY:	Required	X	Not Required	Amount	\$100/year	
ISSUANCE of this author authorization subject to the 11. Signature		•			•	•
Holder's Signature			Holder's Pri	nted Name		nte
Kevin H. Apgar			Date			

### ATTACHMENT A CONDITIONS OF AUTHORIZATION

#### **NPS National Stipulations**

- 1. The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (3)].
- 2. The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the park area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. The commercial services described above are to be provided to park area visitors at reasonable rates and under operating conditions satisfactory to the park area superintendent.
- 3. This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the (holder), its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the (holder) in connection herewith, and the (holder) hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
- 4. Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall be in the amount of \$ (As specified in attachment B, Item #30) and underwritten by a United States company naming the United States of America, National Park Service, Concessions, 240 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501, as additional insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
- 5. Cost incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorization activity will be reimbursed by the holder. Administrative costs and estimated costs for activities on site must be paid when the authorization is approved. If any additional costs are incurred by the park, the holder will be billed at the conclusion of the authorization.
- 6. Benefit Neither Members of, nor Delegates to Congress, or Resident Commissioners shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or derive, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit to arise therefrom: Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, if the authorization be for the benefit of such corporation.
- 7. This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the park area Superintendent.

- 8. This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the park area Superintendent.
- 9. The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.
- 10. The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the park area superintendent.
- 11. The holder is to provide the park area superintendent upon request (and. in any event, immediately after expiration of this authorization) a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the park area Superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics and resource impact assessments.
- 12. The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America and the General Accounting Office access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.

#### **NPS Alaska Region Stipulations**

- 1. Engaging in an activity for which the Holder is not specifically authorized is prohibited.
- 2. A copy of the first page of this authorization must be carried by the Holder and any employees when operating in the park unit and must be presented to any park employee on request
- 3. The Holder shall inform clients of the general park regulations and safety concerns before beginning trip.
- 4. Further to national stipulation #11, the Holder shall submit the following reports, annually. to the National Park Service (NPS, Concessions Division, 240 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501, fax 907 644-3813, or e-mail Brenda\_Coleman@nps.gov). Note: CUA Holders who did not operate shall report "no activity conducted" on each of the required reports.

Report	<b>Due Date</b>
Annual Survey Gross Receipts Report*	November 15
Activity Summary	
For Transporters: Copy of State of Alaska Big Game Transporter	January 1
Activity Report (State Form #08-4349)	

For Incidental Big Game Transport Service: NPS Activity Summary – Air Taxi Service and Incidental Hunt Transport Service*	November 15
<b>Operations Report</b> (Please report the following information in any written format.)	
Method of contact and local phone number for the Holder; a list of aircraft, boats and/or other vehicle types to be used along with descriptions and registration numbers, including Tail/N numbers; and a list of employees.	Prior to starting annual operations and revisions as necessary
The number, names and addresses of clients transported; dates; number of client days; and game animals taken. The transporter must list GPS coordinates of drop off and pick up locations of all clients as well as list the minor drainage on the activity report.	January 1

<sup>\*</sup>NPS reporting forms are available at http://www.nps.gov/akso/concessions/index.cfm?theme=cua

"Incidental" means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an air taxi operator or air carrier who does not charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; or advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public; in this subparagraph, "advertise" means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an air taxi operator or air carrier for the purpose of providing air transportation to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows, or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.

5. Further to stipulation #5, the management fee is \$100/year. The fee for the first year is due with the application. The fee for the second year is due January 1 of the second year of the CUA.

#### 6. INSURANCE

General Provisions: The Holder must obtain and maintain during the entire term of the Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), the types and amounts of insurance coverage necessary to fulfill the obligations of the CUA. The National Park Service will not be responsible for any omissions or inadequacies of insurance coverage and amounts in the event the insurance purchased by the Holder proves to be inadequate or otherwise insufficient for any reason whatsoever.

<u>Liability Insurance:</u> This insurance must be in the amount commensurate with the degree of risk and the scope and size of the activities required and/or authorized under this Authorization. The name of the Insured on the certificate of insurance must match the business name of the Holder, including those names used under "doing business as." <u>Insurance Minimums:</u> The following applicable Liability Coverage and limits are to be maintained at a minimum. The Holder may attain the limits specified below by means of supplementing the respective coverage(s) with Excess or Excess "Umbrella" Liability. Furthermore, the commercial general liability package must provide no less than the coverage and limits described.

Maintaining Current Policy: Holder must cease operating in the park should liability

insurance be cancelled or suspended for any reason.

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#### **Minimum Insurance Requirements**

Activity	Type of Insurance Min	nimum Amoui	nt
Watercraft Over 26	<b>Protection &amp; Indemnity</b>	<b>Passengers</b>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Feet</u>	If your vessels is over 26 feet.	Up to 5:	\$300,000/Occurrence
		6 to 12:	\$500,000/Occurrence
		13 to 20:	\$1,000,000/Occurrence
		21 to 50	\$1,500,000/occurrence
		51 & Over:	Contact NPS
Watercraft Under 26	<b>Comprehensive General</b>	\$300,000 Per	Occurrence
<u>Feet</u>	<b>Liability</b>		
	If your vessels is under 26 feet.		
	(Insurance cert must include		
	statement that "watercraft		
	liability is included".		
Air Taxi, Big Game	Aircraft Liability	\$150,000 per	seat for bodily injury or
<b>Transporters</b> (via plane)		death in a sin	gle occurrence; and
		\$100,000 for property damage in a	
		single occurre	ence.
<b>Employee Coverage</b>	Worker's Compensation	Required if y	ou have Hired Employees.

#### Visitor Acknowledgement of Risks Form

- The CUA Holder may require guests/clients participating in activities authorized under this CUA to sign a Visitor Acknowledgement of Risks form.
- The CUA Holder may NOT request or require guests/clients participating in activities to sign a liability waiver form, insurance disclaimer and/or indemnification (hold-harmless) agreement.
- The CUA Holder will submit to the Concessions Program Manager for approval, its "proposed" Visitor Acknowledgement of Risks form, if any, within 60 days of the effective date of this CUA and at least 30 days in advance of any proposed changes in the form. The Concession Program Manager is located at National Park Service, Concessions, 240 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501. If no Visitor Acknowledgement of Risks form will be used, the CUA Holder will advise the Concession Program Manager of this intention within 60 days of the effective date of this CUA.
- A sample, service-approved Visitor Acknowledgement of Risks form is provided as Attachment D to this CUA.

#### 7. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A 2 YEAR AUTHORIZATION:

• Holder shall provide each employee with a copy of this authorization including the conditions and stipulations and review the contents with each employee.

- Provide the NPS with proof of current insurance.
- Be current on all fees.
- Submitted all past-year reports.
- Provide an updated list of guides, drivers or pilots that you employ.
- Notify the NPS of any changes to the list of aircraft or watercraft that you will operate under the CUA.
- Big Game Transporters and Incidental Big Game Transport Service CUA Holders in the Western Arctic National Parklands (Noatak National Preserve and Bering Land Bridge National Preserve) must attend an informational meeting prior to start up operations every year. The informational meeting will be conducted by Western Arctic National Parklands staff and made available in Kotzebue, Alaska. Operators need to call Protection Ranger Dan Stevenson at 907-442-8306 to schedule a meeting.

#### **Western Arctic National Parkland Stipulations**

- 1. All Big Game Transporters and all Big Game Incidental Transport Service CUA Holders must attend an informational meeting prior to start up operations every year. The informational meeting will be conducted by Western Arctic National Parklands staff and made available in Kotzebue, Alaska. Operators need to call Protection Ranger Dan Stevenson at 907-442-8306 to schedule a meeting.
- 2. Commercial Use Authorization Holders and their employees shall ensure that each of their employees receives training in and reviews a copy of this authorization including all conditions and stipulations including the attached compendium.
- 3. The Holder has an *initial* annual allocation of \_\_\_\_\_(\_) big game hunters for Noatak National Preserve. Transporting more than this number of big game hunters into Noatak National Preserve annually is prohibited, subject to #4. The number of big game hunters may be changed in response to resource considerations, federal laws, regulations and/or court decisions.
- 4. A pool of additional big game hunters available for allocation will be managed by the Superintendent. The pool shall initially include 75 big game hunters annually. The number of big game hunters available may be changed in response to resource considerations, federal laws, regulations and/or court decisions or increased to include allocations relinquished by CUA Holders, or for other reasons. Holders may request an additional allocation from the pool after they have accepted reservations from big game hunters for all of the allocation assigned to them in #3. Holders may be required to provide evidence of their reservations by providing the name and date for each big game hunter. Holders may request additional allocation from the pool by contacting the Superintendent, Western Arctic National Parklands, at (907) 442-8301 or by e-mail at George\_Helfrich@nps.gov. Allocation from the pool will be on a first come, first served basis.